(b) and (c). Detailed designing of all the infra-structure facilities are to be carried out first. While the proposals for water, supply, sewerage and storm water drainage had been approved by the local authority, detailed drawings and working out of site development plans are being finalised. After all the necessary formalities are completed, the scheme will be submitted by the DDA to the DUAC for their final approval.

Committee for second cadre review of CPWD Junior Engineers and Sectional Officers

2556. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had agreed, in November, 1987 to appoint a committee of officers to conduct second cadre review of Junior Engineers and Sectional Officers, Horticulture in CPWD;

(b) whether it is a fact that as per the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Joint Secretary in the Ministry, Chief Engineers|DG(W), CPWD Financial Advisor, Director (Administration) and representatives of the Association are to be included in the Committee;

(c) whether it is also a fact that instead of constituting the committee, only a working group of subordinate officers of CPWD has been appointed for this purpose;

(d) what are the terms and conditions of cadre review and the time stipulated therefor; and

(e) by when the actual committee would be constituted and the report submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) In the agreement signed between the Government of India and the representatives of the CPWD JE's Association, on 20-8-87, it had been agreed that the cadre review of JE's and Sectional Officers (Hort.) would be initiated by appointing a committee of Officers in the month of November, 1987.

(b) In the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel & Training for the cadre review of Group B, C and D cadres, the suggested composition of the Cadre Review Committee for the JE's in CPWD is as under:—

(1) Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Urban Development.

(2) Chief Engineer, CPWD.

(3) F.A.

(4) Director (Admn.) CPWD.

(c) The Working Group, which is a Committee of officers, has been constituted by the DG(W), CPWD, as per the agreement referred to in reply to part (a) above, to initiate the cadre review proposals.

(d) The working group has been asked to finalise the preliminary proposals| suggestions based on the agreement with the JE's Association dated 20-8-1987. It was required to submit its report by 22-2-1988, which has since been extended upto 22nd April, 1988.

(e) The Cadre Review Committee will be constituted as soon as the preliminary proposals are finalised and submitted to Government by the Working Group.

Change in recruitment rules for Assistant Engineers in CPWD

2557. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since 1977-78, Government had introduced Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for Promotion of Assistant Engineer from Junior Engineer in CPWD as per the recommendations of 3rd Pay Commission and the report of the Administrative Reforms Commission;

(b) whether it is also a fact that direct requirement to Class II posts has not been abolished even after ten years of implementation of these recommendations;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor in view of the acute stagnation in the cadre; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to change recruitment rule of Assistant Engineers, in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) It is a fact that Limited departmental examination was introduced from February, 1977 for promotion in the grade of Asstt. Engineer from the grade of Jr. Engineer in C.P.W.D.:

(b) and (c) The direct recruitment to the grade of Asstt. Engineers (Class II) has remained suspended in CPWD since 1972. However, the provision in this regard has not been deleted from the Recruitment Rules.

(d) There is no such proposal under Government's consideration.

Eligibility criteria for promotion of Junior Engineers in CPWD

2558. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rule of promoting graduate Junior Engineers with five years experience had been scrapped in CPWD in consideration of the stagnation in the cadre;

(b) whether it is a fact that the eligibility criteria for promotion from Diploma Holder has been extended from eight years to ten years, on the same consideration;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the eligibility criteria from Grade II. J. E. to Grade I is also five years; and

(d) if so, what would be the eligibility for promotion to Assistant Engineer from Grade I and Grade II Junior Engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) It is not correct that the earlier prescribed 5 years eligibility period for Graduate Junior Engineers for promotion as Assistant Engineer has been dispensed with on grounds of stagnation. It is also not correct that the Diploma Holder Junior Engineers have been prescribed a 10 years' eligibility period for promotion as Asstt. Engineers.

These regulations were followed before 1971. Subsequent to a Delhi High Court decision in 1971, all Junior Engineers are promoted as Assistant Engineers without reference to any prescribed length of service.

(c) Yes.

(d) There is no eligibility period prescribed for promotion of Grade I Junior Engineers to Assistant Engineer. The question of Grade II Junior Engineers being promoted as Assistant Engineers does not arise.

Taking over of Visvesaraya Iron and Steel Limited

2559. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to take over the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited, Bhadrawati by the SAIL is pending since long;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(c) at what stage the matter is pending before Government and by when it would be taken over by the SAIL?